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To: All Manufacturers and Retailers of Articles of Precious Metals

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**Subject: The Cyprus Organization for the Hallmarking
of Articles of Precious Metals Law of 2009 (N.52/2009)**

The Assay Office hereby informs you that the above Law has been ratified by the House of Representatives which abolishes all previous provisions concerning the Assay Office (N179/91, N. 13/98, N. 46/2000, N. 115/2006).

The most significant amendments of the legislation are the following:

- (a) The separation of the position of the Chairman and the Director from the corresponding positions of the Cyprus Organization of Promotion of Quality.
- (b) The cession of authority to Customs Department for informing the Assay Office concerning imports of precious metal articles from third countries.
- (c) The approval of new standard of fineness of 999⁰ for Gold and Silver.
- (d) The hallmarking of articles made partly of Gold or Silver and a non-precious metal (e.g. bronze, stainless steel) is allowed, provided that the non-precious metal part is distinguished by color and there is enough place to mark the indication "MET" or "METAL" on it by the Assay Office.

The above mentioned amendments aim at improving the offered services to the Branch of Goldsmiths and Silversmiths and generally to the consumer.

For more information please contact the Office. The legislation is available from the Government printing office website (Vol. 4206, 20/05/2009).

Sincerely Yours

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